

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

On page 2, line 1, please amend the paragraph as follows:

~~This object is achieved by the space maintainer characterized in Patent Claim 1.~~

In accord with the present invention, a space-maintainer for inserting between two vertebral bodies comprises a sleeve-shaped first part (1) and a second part (2) guided therein and displaceable in the axial direction relative to the first part, which are both (1, 2) connected to one another by a device which transforms a rotary movement acting from outside into a movement displacing the parts (1, 2) in their relative longitudinal position, wherein one of the parts has a toothed profile (22) extending parallel to the longitudinal axis of the parts and the other part has a toothed wheel (24) located in engagement with the toothed profile (22) for adjusting a total length.